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Introduction

This handlist is the product of the first full survey of the manuscript holdings of the Signet Library to take place since the nineteenth century. It is not possible to describe what follows as a catalogue: details of extent, collation and binding remain to be collected, and many collection items are undergoing research or awaiting it. Manuscripts forming part of the Roughead Collection are not included (these are listed in the main Signet Library online catalogue). Material relating to Sir Walter Scott has been omitted and will be the subject of a separate list in due course. The handlist is nonetheless intended to make the collection as open to scholars and researchers as current conditions allow.

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In his 1800 *Memorial* on the Signet Library, the pioneer of modern law reporting and author of *Bell's Dictionary* Robert Bell WS wrote:

As it is a law library, we are called upon to collect every manuscript, and copies of every ancient record that can in any degree elucidate the history of our law... the history of our law has been almost entirely neglected, and much is to be learnt from these records, which we have it in our power in a great measure to supply. It is a debt we owe to our profession, which we cannot too soon begin to discharge.

Over the two centuries since, Writers to the Signet and others have responded magnificently to Bell's challenge, and the collection of legal manuscripts now held by the Signet Library, built almost entirely upon donations and bequests, has become the largest private collection in Scotland, and the only one to be included in Professor Gero Dolezelak's magisterial survey *Scotland Under Jus Commune*.

The manuscript collection assembled by the Writers to the Signet extends far beyond the law. It includes diaries, memoirs, works of literature, sermons and writings on religion, letters written by Scots in four different centuries, manuscripts from the Killing Time, Glencoe, the '15 and the '45, music and poetry.

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This handlist would not have been possible without the generosity, knowledge and expertise of: Professor Gero Dolezelak, Dr. Thomas Green, Dr. Karen Baston, Dr. Adelyne Wilson, Professor John Cairns, Professor George Gretton WS, Professor John Finlay, Dr. Greta-Mary Hair, Nicholas Barker, Dr. William Zachs.

Using this Handlist

The Handlist contains a brief entry for each item in the collection, accompanied by a finding reference. Please provide both to Signet Library staff when making your enquiry.

Access to Collections

The Signet Library is a private library and access is subject to the discretion of the Director of Professional Services. A day access fee of £25 is payable (funding conservation and restoration of the Library's historic collections). Please give at least 48 hours notice.

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I. Law

Manuscripts drawn together under this heading include both legal material and material relating to lawyers and the legal profession.

Sir George Mackenzie *Law and Customs in Scotland in Matters Criminal.*

N.d. Chapters not in the accustomed order; mixed hands and papers. **104:c:28**

Commissary Court of St. Andrews *Styles: Procedure before the Fife Circuit Court.*

c.1675 **104:c:29**

MSS on Personal and Political Liberty.

c.1758. English and Scottish documents, bills, letters and notes on Parliamentary debates relating to *habeas corpus* **104:c:34**

Notes on a course of lectures on the Law of Scotland delivered by (Baron) David Hume in the University of Edinburgh during the sessions 1821-1822.

1821-1822. Taken down by Anthony Traill WS. 4 vols. **105:c:45 105:c:46 105:c:47 105:c:48**

Lectures on the theory of Scots Law and the Law of Marriage.

c.1820. Possibly in the hand of Baron David Hume. **106:21**

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Court of Session. Reports and Decisions.
1760s. **106:23**

Notes on Mr. Erskine's Prelections on Sir George Mackenzie's Institutions of the Law of Scotland.
1741. William Scott. **106:38**

Reasons for refusing the oath of allegiance in its latest form.
1709. **106:39**

Douglas Claims.

c.1829. Claims by individuals, including Writers to the Signet, to be freeholders of the County of Lanark in respect of the right to vote in general elections. **106:48**

Report etc. by David Bruce, one of the Surveyors of the Forfeited Estates in Scotland.
c. 1746-1750 **106:51**

Lamentable estate of Sir William Dick.

Printed tract 1657. Annotated by David Laing (Signet Librarian 1837-1879). Includes letter from Laing to John Gibson Craig. **106:53**

An account of the officers of the Customs and Salt Duty at the out ports of Scotland; as they stood on the establishment at the 5th of January 1755.
1755. **106:54**

Collection of Scottish Dispositions.
c.1760s/1770s. **106:57**

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Collection of materials bound into single volume. Bookplate of George Chalmers, F.R.S.S.A. Index of subjects at the front has 18 headings, not the eleven listed below. Loose folder of documents folded into the front. **106:61**

1. The case of the Guinea Company of Scotland and the ship *St Andrew* of Edinburgh. 1637.
2. Considerations on the state of Scotland in the year 1708.
3. Letter of Commissioners of Custom at Edinburgh, with abstract of trade with Sweden, 1707-1710.
4. Letter from the Provost of Edinburgh, and memorial on the state of the fisheries of Scotland, 1711.
5. Memorial relating to commerce with France. 1712.
6. Report of the committee appointed by the General Assembly, 1725, for the reformation of the Highlands and Islands.
7. Memorial concerning the Highlands of Scotland, by Simon, Lord Lovat. 1727.
8. Letter of Duncan Forbes. 1728.
9. Account of the proceedings of the creditors upon the Fund of the Equivalent. 1714.
10. Reports on the commissioners and trustees for improving fisheries and manufacturers in Scotland, 1729-1733.

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11. Memorial concerning the rise and constitution of the Society of Writers to H.M. Signet. 1731

Collection of decisions of the Court of Session.
First half of the seventeenth century. **106:63**

Collection of materials (late 1600s, Scottish)
bound into single volume. **106:65**

1. Stair's Institutions. Book I titl. 1-11 only.
2. Styles (in seventeenth century legal hand)
3. Acts of Parliament (selected) 1661-1681

Rules and Regulations of the Court of Exchequer
in Edinburgh.
1730-1741. "Mr. George Inglis, Parchment Book"
on front cover/front board. **106:68**

Collection of materials bound into single volume.
Late seventeenth century. "W. Laing" on flyleaf.
106:68

1. Stair's Institutions
2. Stair's form of process before the Lords
3. Alphabetical sequence of judgements
"since the King's Restoration" (in a
different hand from the other materials).

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Minutes or notes on cases, probably from the Court of Session 1661-1673.

c. 1661-1673. **106:69**

Front wrapper addressed to "Thomas Constable, 11 Thistle Street." Rear cover leather, stamped "IP 1709." Note on flyleaf reads "This book pertaineth to Mr. John Murray the Tutor to the Viscount of Stormont." On the following leaf, a note reads "This appears to be copied from Stair's Decisions."

Collection of materials bound into single volume. Late 1600s. **106:79**

1. Stair's Institutions
2. Stair's form of process before the Lords
3. "Four Consultations"

Class lists of Professor Allan Menzies from 1850/51 to 1855/56

1850-1856. 5 volumes. **106:80, 106:81, 106:82, 106:83, 106:84**

Brief collection of the several heads of the Acts and Ordinances of the Scottish Nation.. Acts of the Scottish Nation.

Collected by William Riley, Clerk of the Records in the Tower (of London)

c.1650 **109:d:8**

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Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Jus Commune. 160:71

1. Fragment of the diary of Sir Archibald Johnston, Lord Wariston, May 21 to June 25 1639.
2. The new plot of planting the whole kirks of Scotland. 1596.
3. Notes of decisions and interloquitors given by the Lords of Counsel. 1619-1646.
4. Notes from the books of the Register of Session 1531-1545.
5. Scheme for the erecting of a common fishing for England and Scotland in 1630.
6. Avizandum anent the Union.
7. Acts and orders of the commissioners for administration of justice in Scotland 1655-1656.

Trial of James Stuart, Provost of Edinburgh. 1746. Court papers and MS timeline of events. Stuart's first trial. 343.1 St92

Index of Session Papers (in the possession of the Society of Writers to the Signet)
c.1763. **Archive Box C.**

Acts of Sederunt 1661-1681
Written by Neill Campbell c.1681
L1

Actions and Proceedings in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland.
2 copies. **L2**

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Pandect Pars.

7 vols. Vol.3 absent. **L3**

Unidentified Institututes (written in Latin).

4 vols. Volume 1 absent. **L4**

Lectures on the Law of Scotland by Baron David Hume.

Before 1810. By Baron David Hume, transcribed by another. With index. 5 volumes. **L5**

Notes on Scots Law from the lectures of Baron David Hume.

c.1818-1820. 4 volumes. **L6**

Commentary on Mackenzie's Institutions.

2 volumes. **L7**

Notes on lectures on Conveyancing by Macvey Napier.

1827-1828. Vol III Heritable Rights. **L8**

Durie's Decisions from 1621 to 16th July 1642.

1621-1642. Two volumes. **L9, L10.**

Principality of Scotland. Collection of material, chiefly relating to Frederick, Prince of Wales.

c.1749. **Jus Commune. L11**

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Index: or an alphabetical arrangement of the Lord's Decisions for the months of June and July 1705. By William Forbes, Advocate.
1705. William Forbes. **L12**

Practicks 1592-1624 by Thomas Hamilton, later Earl of Haddington.
Jus Commune. L13

Styles for the Royal Chancery (prior to 1658)
Jus Commune. L14

Book of Styles.
1633. Roger Mowat. **L15**

Institutions of the Law of Scotland. By James Dalrymple, 1st Viscount Stair.
1674. **Jus Commune. L16**

Cases on the Acts in Murray's Scotch Laws alphabetically digested.
L17

Collection of materials bound into single volume.
Late seventeenth century. **L18**

1. Collection of unidentified decisions
2. Acts of Charles II

Collection of unidentified decisions.
Uniform with L18. **L19**

The WS Society

Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Jus Commune. L20

1. Practicks 1592-1624 by Thomas Hamilton, later Earl of Haddington.
2. Treatise on succession, marriage and feudal law 1642.

Hope's Major Practicks (and others).

Indication of ownership by John Murray, tutor to Viscount Stormont.

Jus Commune. L21

Practicks, "Major Practicks" by Thomas Hope of Craighall.

Jus Commune. L22

Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Jus Commune. L22*

1. Practicks 1621-1642 by Alexander Gibson, Lord Durie.
2. Adjudication by George Lockhart of Carnwarth.

Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Jus Commune. L23

1. Practicks 1621-1642 by Alexander Gibson, Lord Durie
2. Assigation by the Laird of Rossie to Provost Davidsone
3. Alphabetical digest of Acts relating to criminal law by Andrew Gilmour
4. Acts of Parliament (private law up to King Charles II)

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Minutes of hearings in the Court of Session 1681-1682.

2 volumes. **Jus Commune. L24, L25**

Collection of Styles.

End of seventeenth century to end of eighteenth century.

12 vols. **L26**

Lectures in Conveyancing by Robert Bell.

Robert Bell. **L27**

Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Jus Commune. L28*

1. Practicks 1621-1642 by Alexander Gibson, Lord Durie.
2. Adjudication by George Lockhart of Carnwarth

Forms for the Court of Exchequer

N.d. **L29**

Actions and Proceedings in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland

N.d. **L30**

Acts of Sederunt 1530-1626

1758 (compiled) **Jus Commune. L31**

Institutions of the Law of Scotland. By James Dalrymple, 1st Viscount Stair.

Jus Commune. L32

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Institutions of the Law of Scotland. By James Dalrymple, 1st Viscount Stair.

Jus Commune. L33

Collection of materials bound into single volume.

Collection belonging to Patrick Grant, Lord Elchies

1. Practicks 1573-1592 by Alexander Colville, Commendator of Culross
2. Practicks 1592-1624 by Thomas Hamilton 1st Earl of Haddington
3. Practicks 1540-1549 by John Sinclair, later Bishop of Brechin
4. Practicks 1550-1577 by Richard Maitland of Lethington

Jus Commune L34

Collection of materials bound into single volume

Jus Commune (incl. detailed breakdown) L35

1. Practicks and documents on the valuation of tithes
2. Practicks by Robert Spottiswoode

Practicks 1610-1643 by Thomas Nicholson of Carnock or Cockburnspath

Jus Commune. L36

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Collection belonging to Patrick Grant, Lord Elchies, partly written by John Lauder, Lord Fountainhall.

Jus Commune (incl. detailed breakdown) L37

1. Practicks 1541-1547 by John Sinclair
2. Practicks 1550-1577 by Richard Maitland of Lethington
3. Practicks 1573-1592 by Alexander Colville commendator of Culross
4. Practicks 1592-1624 by Thomas Hamilton Earl of Haddington
5. Registers of Acts, deeds and decreets

Decisions of the Lords of Session from 1681 to 1648

Sir Patrick Home

L38

Minutes of a clerk in the Court of Session 1812-1814

Jus Commune. L39

Index of Appeals to the House of Lords to 1740, with second index of remarkable decisions.

1740

L40

Court of Judiciary - Indictments

Jus Commune. L41

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Abridgement of the Sederunt Books of Judiciary

1660-1679 (1 vol)

Criminal Decisions 1693-1736 (3 vols)

L42

Court of Judiciary (alphabetical digest of books of adjournal until 1688)

Jus Commune. L43

Tractatus *Jus Feudale* by Thomas Craig of Riccarton (2 copies)

Jus Commune. L47, L47*

Practicks 1677-1681

L48

Fountainhall's Decisions

L49

Lectures in Conveyancing by Macvey Napier
(Volume 2 only)

L50

Letters in Administration by Ebenezer Douglas
1797

L53

Essay upon the office of notary
1733

L54

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Minutes of the Court of Session 1627-1629

1627-1620

L55

Gibson on Heritable Rights

1741

L60

Notes on lectures on medical jurisprudence and
forensic medicine

Sir Henry Littlejohn

1900

L61

Notes from lectures in the criminal law of
Scotland given by Baron David Hume
Summer 1793

L67

Ayr Freeholders: claims by individuals, including
Writers to the Signet, to be freeholders of the
County of Ayr in respect of the right to vote in
general elections

L68

Report of Service of the Forfar Sheriff Substitute

1647-1652

1652

L69

Summons of Reductions and Certification

1661

L70

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Lectures given by Baron David Hume to the
University of Edinburgh (4 vols)
Bookplate of Thomas Moir
L71

Lectures given by Baron David Hume to the
University of Edinburgh (6 vols)
L72

Modus Litiganti. The fforme of process before the
Lords of Council and Session in Scotland.
According to the present practice.
1703
L74

Vade mecum. A collection of some of the most
ordinarie stiles in use. Written by Thomas Reid
Writer in Edinburgh
L75

Protocol Book 1727-1732
Andrew Pitcairn and David Crauford
L76

Minutes of the Court of Session 1722-1736
L77

Minutes of the Court of Session. Winter Session.
1750.
1750.
L78

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Dictionary of Decisions

1680

L79

Balfour's Practicks.

Matthew Forsyth (Advocates)'s copy

1615

L80

Unidentified seventeenth century practicks

Love notes to "Katherine Snow at the
Netherbow" on front pastedown

L81

Lectures on Conveyancing by Macvey Napier WS

Written down by Walter Shaw Jnr

Vols. 2, 3, 6 and 8 (others volumes not present)

relating to lectures given in session 1830-31

1838 (year of transcription)

L86

Legal Common-Place Book

Anonymous [Scottish], dated 30th Nov. 1866

190 p. 23 cm. Pagination in two sequences

L87

Chronological account of the 1695 Commission of
Enquiry into the 1692 Glencoe Massacre

n.d. probably eighteenth century

Archive Box 6 L82

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Sedition Trials in Scotland

P. Malcolm

c. 1950

Archive Box 17 L83

Accounts of the state of tithes in Scotland

18th/19th century

Archive Box 6 L84

Contract between a mason and his journeyman

16 March 1727

Laing 1

Disposition and assignation between James
Oswald and John Riddell

Legal contract for the sale of land

1686

Laing 1

Obligation to Lords and Council of Session

Regards registering of obligation in re. sum of 350
marks

Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper A

Laing 1

Contract between Ninian Bannatyne and John

Stewart of Askoge

Rothsay, 26 January 1615

Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper C

Laing 1

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Marriage contract entered into by Roger Forrester
and James MacCulloch

c.1516

**Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper E
Laing 1**

MS of *Sketch of the Law of Scotland concerning the
valuation and sales of tithes* (title printed by E. Cox
and Son, 19th November 1800).

Annotated "100 copies printed by Cox + Son".

Accompanied by two other MS accounts of tithes
in Scotland with discussion of their abolition.

Archive Box 6

Styles, mostly relating to the law of Master and
Servant, with brief description of the Calder
district of West Lothian

1796-1814

MSS New 4

Account book of writer (solicitor) Robert Stewart
1750

MSS New 8

Cases brought before the Court of Session 1668-
1674

Further description by Dr Thomas Green in
accompanying notes

MSS New 10

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Hope's Major Practicks

Further description by Dr Thomas Green in
accompanying notes

MSS New 11

Copies of documents concerning a political feud
between John Maitland, earl of Lauderdale, and
John Middleton, earl of Middleton, following the
Restoration of Charles II.

Further description by Dr Thomas Green in
accompanying notes

1662-1664

MSS New 13

Notes on lectures in law given at the University of
Edinburgh

Taken down by Thomas Cooper, later 1st Baron
Cooper of Culross, judge, politician and historian
1912

MSS New 18 and MSS New 19

Account book of Thomas Burns WS 1807-1817
1817

MSS New 20

Casebook of Thomas Parker, Lord Macclesfield
(1666-1732)

n.d.

MSS New 21

Catalogue of Law Books, Bruce and Kerr WS
Early 20th century

MSS New 22

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Bound volume of letters 1829-1854

Lord Cockburn (1779-1854)

Christie

MS of *Circuit Journeys, by the Late Lord Cockburn*

(printed D. Douglas, Edinburgh, 1888)

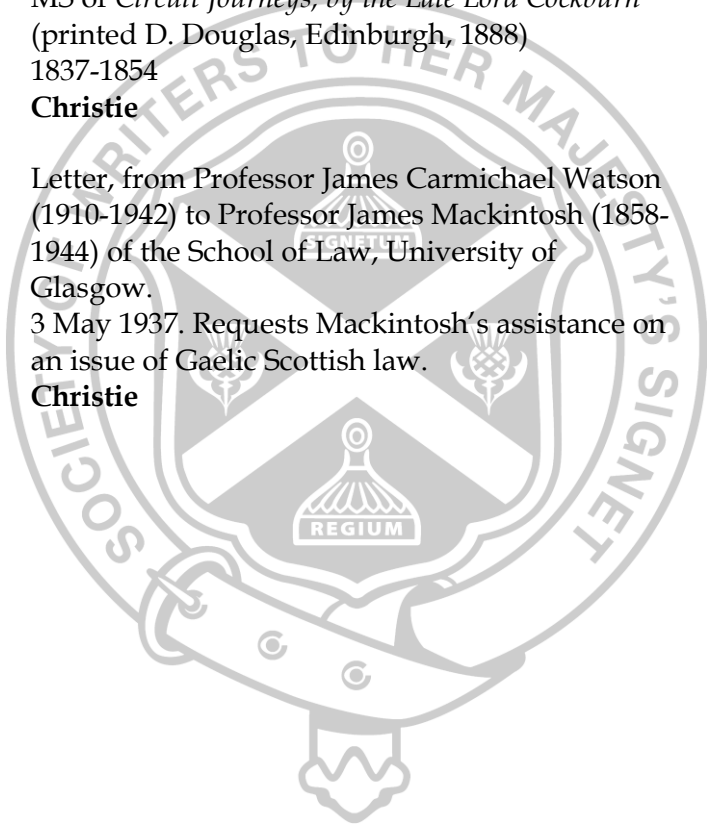
1837-1854

Christie

Letter, from Professor James Carmichael Watson (1910-1942) to Professor James Mackintosh (1858-1944) of the School of Law, University of Glasgow.

3 May 1937. Requests Mackintosh's assistance on an issue of Gaelic Scottish law.

Christie



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II. Writers to the Signet

Manuscripts drawn together under this heading relate directly to Writers to the Signet, whether through ownership, authorship or reference.

Sederunt Books of the WS Society
1594-1968 (multiple volumes, first volume
retranscribed into multiple volumes)

Christie

List of ex-libris in the Library of the Writers to the Signet.

F. Henderson-Smith

1900

103:l:70

Dr. John Cook, in money transactions with Mr.
John Graeme WS

April 1796-March 1799

104:c30

Notes on a course of lectures on the Law of
Scotland delivered by (Baron) David Hume in the
University of Edinburgh during the sessions 1821-
1822.

1821-1822. Taken down by Anthony Traill WS. 4
vols.**105:c:45 105:c:46 105:c:47 105:c:48**

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Douglas Claims.

c.1829. Claims by individuals, including Writers to the Signet, to be freeholders of the County of Lanark in respect of the right to vote in general elections. **106:48**

Memorial concerning the rise and constitution of the Society of Writers to H.M. Signet.

1731

106:61 (title 11)

Account book of Colin Campbell WS
1st June 1701 (to 1713)

106:64

Collection of MS Papers, Chiefly Scottish 1580-1751

Collected by James Anderson WS (1662-1728)
with later additions

109:e

Index of Session Papers (in the possession of the Society of Writers to the Signet)

c.1763.

Archive Box C.

Notes on lectures on Conveyancing by Macvey Napier.

1827-1828. Vol III Heritable Rights.

L8

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Napier's Lectures on Conveyancing

Volume 2

L50

Notes of a tour in France, Belgium, Switzerland,
the Savoy, France etc. 2 vols.

Robert Pitcairn WS

1832

L55

The Book of Proverbs, paraphrased in metre

Robert Boswell WS

L57

Collected Papers of James Anderson WS (2 vols)

James Anderson WS

c.1700

L58, L59

Cashbook of Alexander Robertson WS

Alexander Robertson WS

1820-1825

L66

Ayr Freeholders: claims by individuals, including
Writers to the Signet, to be freeholders of the
County of Ayr in respect of the right to vote in
general elections

L68

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1838 (year of transcription)
L86

The Book of the Match
William Cumming WS
c.1912
MSS New 31

The Wintry Annual 1913
William Cumming WS
1913
MSS New 32

Scrapbook of sketches and cartoons
William Cumming WS
1903-1907
MSS New 33

Memorial concerning the Rise and Constitution of
the Society of Writers to His Majesties Signet
1731
Laing 2

Account book of Thomas Burns WS
Thomas Burns WS
1807-1817
MSS New 20

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Catalogue of Law Books, Bruce and Kerr WS
Early 20th century
MSS New 22

Scotland in the days of Archbishop Sharp 1618-1679

Ralph Richardson WS (1845-1933)

Typescript

Presented by Ralph Cox 1950

MSS New 29

Auld Reekie, or, Memories of a Writer to the Signet

Ralph Richardson WS (1845-1933)

Typescript

Presented by Ralph Cox 1950

MSS New 30

Correspondence of James Stuart of Dunearn and other materials relating to his duel with Alexander Boswell and subsequent trial.

Presented by Mrs. H.H. Macbean.

James Stuart of Dunearn WS (1775-1849)

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Diary of George Sandy WS

George Sandy

1788

Christie

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III. Diaries, Memoirs, Letters and Account Books

The historie of the lyfe of Reverend and Mr. Robert Blair, Christes minister at Bangor in Ireland, at Aire and St Andrews in Scotland 1593-1666

The first part was written by himself the year before his death and the rest by his son Mr. W. Row. In the same volume, a transcript of the Autobiography, written in 1715.

1665, 1715

L63 102:b:44

An authentic narrative of Marshal Wade's proceedings in the Highlands of Scotland. (with) An authentic narrative of the campaigns in Flanders in 1744.

Bookplates of Thomas Dampier and George Chalmers FRSSA

c.1744

104:c:38

Short and true account of the most remarkable things that passed during the late wars with the Moors at Tangier, in the year 1680, by Sir James Halket, copied from a MS written with his own hand.

n.d.

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Sergeant Nisbet's Memoirs

1667-1688

106:42

The Modern Scottish Chronicle or Register
containing the events and occurrences in Scotland
for the forty years commencing in 1739

1779

106:60

Letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and
memorial on the state of the fisheries of Scotland
1711

106:61 (title 4)

Letter of Duncan Forbes (Lord Culloden) 1685-
1747

Duncan Forbes

1728

106:71 (title 8)

Correspondence between King Philip II and the
Duke of Alva 1569-1571, chiefly relating to Mary,
Queen of Scots.

Copied from the originals in the archives at
Brussels for Sir Cuthbert Sharp by F. Michel, with
English translation by Henry Howard.

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Account book of Colin Campbell WS

1st June 1701 (to 1713)

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A communication of discourse of the Queen Elizabeth's marriage, reported by Sir Thomas Smith Knt, to his neighbour Frauncis Wyatt, gentleman, X. April 1567

n.d.

106: 70 (title 1)

Correspondence of the Queen of Scots and Anthony Babington

n.d.

106:70 (title 4)

Diary of Sir Archibald Johnston, Lord Wariston
May 21 1639 – June 25 1639

Jus Commune 106:71 (title 1)

MS of Charles Marjoribanks, concerning his life.
Charles Marjoribanks (1794-1833) former
President of East India Company's committee on
trade with China and MP for County Berwick
c.1830

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MS letters of Charles Cockburn
1714-1715

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Letters in Administration – Ebenezer Douglas
1797

L53

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Notes of a tour in France, Belgium, Switzerland,
the Savoy, France etc. 2 vols.

Robert Pitcairn WS

1832

L55

Diary of William Creech 1766-1774

2 vols

L56

Narrative of Sir John Cope's proceedings in
Scotland, from the first breaking out of the
Rebellion there till his return in Berwick.

L64

Report on the Glencoe Massacre (of 1692)

Archive Box 6 L82

Journal of Sir Henry Cockburn

Page 1395 only, January 1845

Laing 1

Two letters from Neil Munro (Hugh Foulis 1863-
1930) to a "Mr. Carmichael" regarding a MS and
"the Glenaray Raid."

1907

Laing 1

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Letters to Sir Arthur Mitchell. The most frequent correspondent here, John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll and Marquess of Lorne, was Queen Victoria's son-in-law:

1. 5 November 1901 from Henry Percy, 7th Duke of Northumberland, at Alnwick Castle. Letter of introduction inviting Mitchell to Alnwick and reflecting on Mitchell's friendship with the previous Duke
2. 1 November 1901 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Clachan in response to an unnamed proposal from Mitchell
3. 14 June 1901 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Kensington Palace and discussing marble
4. 5th July 1900 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Inverary, discussing a brass amulet and including an ink sketch
5. 11th June 1901 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Kensington Palace but on Inverary paper. Contains text of a letter to the press appealing for £3000 to repair the fabric of Dunstaffnage Castle.
6. 1 October 1903 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, containing pencilled list of books possibly containing views of Dunstaffnage Castle.
7. 8 June 1902 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, pertaining the coronation of

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King Edward VII and the insurance of Argyll's coronation page.

8. 21 October 1891 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, from Palace Hotel, Edinburgh, referring to Sir William Mackinnon bringing the "Cup and Ring" stone
9. 24 April 1895 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Kensington Palace and referring to the cup and ring at Kilkatrine and conveying an anecdote about a nightingale that would not sing for the Prime Minister.
10. N.d. from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, written from Inverary, regarding an unnamed prehistoric house and chapel, containing an ink sketch of an unidentified structure and a second loose sheet.
11. 11 October 1907 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, relating to an archaeological find on Kintyre
12. 22 April 1904 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, relating to apparent problems with insurance stocks
13. 22 October 1907 from John Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll, relating to an archaeological find on Kintyre
14. 17 December 1857 from Alexander von Humbolt **Christie**
15. 1 February 1897 from J. Romilly Allen (editor of "The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist") about Roman lamps

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Letter, dated 25 January 1843, from Messrs. J&R
McCracken to Thomas Dick Lauder, baronet
Laing 1

Letter, dated 25 November 1932, from James
Pittendrigh MacGillivray, sculptor, to Mr. Deva,
relating to Mr Deva's role in "The Scottish
Watch", the youth nationalist movement founded
by Wendy Wood.

Laing 1

MS fragment of John Bellenden's Hystory and
Croniklis of Scotland, mimicking the final pages
of the 1537 printed edition (which is also present
in the Signet Library). Further events 1566-1570
have been added in a secretarial hand (possibly
Italian).

Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper B

Laing 1

Fragments of diary, possibly by John Cockburn of
Ormiston 1695-1758, the "father of Scottish
agriculture"

Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper E

Laing 1

Auld Reekie, or, Memories of a Writer to the
Signet

Ralph Richardson WS (1845-1933)

Presented by Ralph Cox, 1950

MSS New 30

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The Correspondence of Robert Boyd of Trochrig
(1578-1627) Principal of the Universities of
Glasgow (1615-21) and of Edinburgh (1622-23),
1601-1626 (3rd volume to 1629?)
Robert Boyd of Trochrig (1578-1627)
3 volumes

MSS New 5, MSS New 6, MSS New 7

Correspondence of James Stuart and other
materials relating to the Boswell duel and
subsequent trial.

Presented by Mrs. H.H. Macbean

James Stuart WS of Dunearn 1775-1849, erstwhile
Collector and killer in a duel of Alexander
Boswell, son of James Boswell the biographer.

Christie 343.1 St92

Diary of George Sandy WS

George Sandy

1788

Christie

Bound volume of letters 1829-1854

Lord Cockburn (1779-1854)

Christie

MS of *Circuit Journeys, by the Late Lord Cockburn*
(printed D. Douglas, Edinburgh, 1888)

1837-1854

Christie

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17 January 1845 letter from John Ruskin to unknown recipient (likely to be James Falshaw, Lord Provost of Edinburgh) relating to the opening of the Royal Scottish Museum
Christie

Letters from Robert Louis Stevenson to the family of R.A. Robertson SSC DL relating to a gift of "A Child's Garden of Verses":

1. 11 March 1885 to Mrs. Robertson
2. Undated 1885 letter to Mrs. Robertson
3. 22 October 1885 to R.A. Robertson SSC DL

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

Christie

Letters from Dr. John Conolly at the Mental Asylum at Hanwell to Walter Savage Landor

1. 29 May 1837 relating to the restoration of the chancel of Stratford Church
2. 1 June 1839 written on the occasion of Conolly's transfer from Warwickshire to Hanwell
3. 31 August 1839 written shortly after Conolly's installation of non-restraint at the Hanwell Asylum

Laing 1

3 May 1937 letter from Professor James Carmichael Watson (1910-1942) to Professor James Mackintosh (1858-1944) of the University of Glasgow School of Law, requesting assistance on an issue of Gaelic Scottish law.

Laing 1

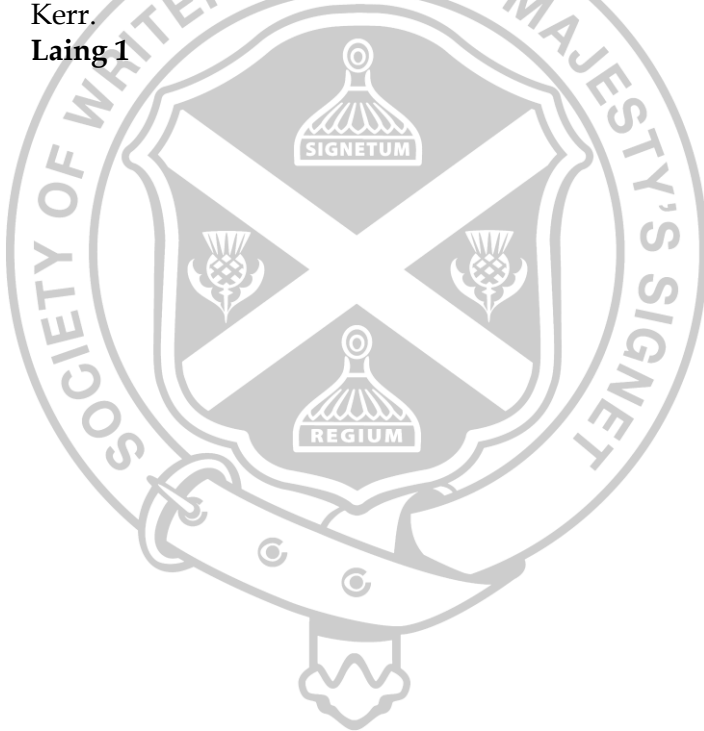
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13 December 1939 letter from Isabel C. Grieve to Lady Johnston on subject of Laud's liturgy

Laing 1

4 letters dated 1887 and 1888 relating to award of Spanish title (Grand Captain of the Order of Isabel La Catoline) to Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr.

Laing 1



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IV. 1745 and other Jacobite Risings

Manuscripts drawn together under this heading relate chiefly to the 1745 Rebellion.

Rebellion 1745: newspaper accounts etc.
Includes correspondence to, and accounts of, William Gray, writer in Edinburgh, regarding the care of prisoners subsequent to the Battle of Culloden, and relating to the Office of Sick and Hurt 1746-1751. Includes references to and signatures of prisoners.

+941.0745 R24

An authentic narrative of Marshal Wade's proceedings in the Highlands of Scotland. (with)

An authentic narrative of the campaigns in Flanders in 1744.

Bookplates of Thomas Dampier and George Chalmers FRSSA

c.1744

104:c:38

Narrative of Sir John Cope's proceedings in Scotland, from the first breaking out of the Rebellion there till his return in Berwick.

L64

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An impartial and genuine list of the Ladys on the Whig or Jacobite partie taken in hand merely to show that the common acusation and slander rashly thrown on the female sex as to their being all Jacobites is false and groundless as upon a calculation the whigs are far superior in number and not inferior either in rank beauty or solidity Documents in multiple hands, probably female, listing the women of Edinburgh c.1745-1746 with accompanying commentary on family, character, appearance, religion and political views.

Laing 1

21 December 1745 certificate of safe passage for Rev John Jardine from Edinburgh to Carlisle, signed by Alexander Fletcher
Part of a larger bequest of 1745 papers bequeathed by Sir Arthur Mitchell and now on deposit at the National Archives (see Signet Magazine)

Affadavit ("no.44") of Joseph Williamson for the trial of Archibald Stewart, Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Each page signed by Williamson and by William Grant, the Lord Advocate.

Archive Box 6

The WS Society

V. Literature

Manuscripts drawn together under this heading include both original literature and writing in the hand of the author, other literature in manuscript and literary commonplace books.

Miscellanie Poems, Inscriptions, Epitaphs etc.
Gulielmus Edgar apud Oxton Tertio Caledonium
Decembris 1737

1737

106:24

The dispensary: a poem in six cantos quod licet
libet

Correction from the third edition

1699

106:43

The Guardian: a dramatic poem
Mrs Leckie (Elizabeth Leckie)

113:n:15

The Power of Conscience: a dramatic poem

Mrs Leckie (Elizabeth Leckie)

113:n:16

The Hebrew Boy: a dramatic poem

Mrs Leckie (Elizabeth Leckie)

113:n:17

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Scotland in the days of Archbishop Sharp 1618-1679

Ralph Richardson WS (1845-1933)

Typescript

Presented by Ralph Cox 1950

MSS New 29

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Children of the Dead End

Patrick MacGill

Typescript

Christie



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VI. Religion

Instruzioni nella perfezione ricauate de diuersi
autori di vita spiratualo at sata

104:c:11

Sermons preached by men of worth in
troublesome times in the days of Montrose and
anti-Covenanters

c.1645

Small 8vo. Incomplete, starting at f.66. Descriptive
note dated July 1767

104:c:12

The continuation or second part of a manuscript
called "an introduction to virtue and perfection,
or the ground and foundation of the orthodox
religion (Roman Catholic)"

Ex Libris Robert Mylne

104:c:14

Of the torments of hell: the foundation and pillars
thereof, searched, shaken and removed.

MS transcript of text published in London in 1658

104:c:15

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Miracles lately wrought by the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary, at Mount-aigu near unto Sichem in Brabant. Translated out of the French by Mr. Robert Chambers in Brussels. Printed at Antwerp, 1606, and copied out by RC in the year 1675. Post 8vo

1675

104:c:17

A sermon preached by Mr. Geo. Meldrum, 29th August 1695

104:c:18

Som controversies anent some of the common errors of this present age. Written Dec 5 1670.

Ex Libris G. Smart

104:c:20

Allegorical poem on the overthrow of the Presbyterian Covenant

In original MSS catalogue under 106:13

104:c:23

Sermons preached in the Tolbooth Kirk of Edinburgh in the years 1704/1705 by Mr James Webster

104:c:35

Monasterii Scotorum S. Jacobi Ordinis S Benedicti Ratisbonae Descriptio. Auctore Bonaventura Strahan.

Small 4to

106:27

The WS Society

Addenda et corrigenda cum notilis... Thomas
Dempteri Historiae Ecclesiasticum Gentis
Scotorum... 1672..

August 1815, Edinburgh

106:35

..De spiritibus deo angelis and anima..

Lectures by William Smith, written down by
Thomas Graem

28 January 1722

106:44

Reasons why the Psalms of David in metre,
allowed by the General Assembly, should be sung
in the Kirks of Scotland as they have been since
1564. From a seventeenth century MS

106:45

Extract valuation of the Presbytery of Argyll
1629

106:67

The new plot of planting the whole kirks of
Scotland

1596

106:71 (item 2 in volume)

Book of Proverbs paraphrased in metre
Robert Boswell WS

L57

The WS Society

Illuminated psalter, unknown date, probably 15th
or 16th centuries

Illegible commentary, probably 19th century, on
flyleaf

MSS New 23

13 December 1939 letter from Isabel C. Grieve to
Lady Johnston on subject of Laud's liturgy

Laing 1

Transcripts from MSS in the Barberini Library,
Rome

- 1 Ane schort Catholic Confession of the
heads of the Religion now controverted in
Scotland answering against heretical
negative confession set.
- 2 Eleven letters from Thomas Dempster to
Cardinal Barberini 1613-1622, with a letter
to Dempster

L62 or 110:g:27

The WS Society

VII. Genealogy and Heraldry

List of all the nobility in the kingdom of Scotland,
with coats of arms.

c.1688

104:c:16

Of ye diurse bookes treatises yt have binn written
heretofor about ye titles of such as pretend to ye
crowne of Ireland, and what they doe containe in
favour and disfavour of sundry pretenders.

Note on front pastedown: transcript of positions
on the treatise by Dolemon i.e. R. Parsons SJ on
the successor to the crown printed in 1594

104:c:31

Robert Mylne, the genealogie of the whole
nobility of Scotland, collected out of History and
in our own times since the reign of King Corbred
the First.

8vo. Written at the command of Alexander
Murray.

1685

104:c:37

An ordinary of arms

Bookplate of Alexander Deuchar

106:22

The WS Society

The pedigree and descent of the family of Morton
in the line of the House of Lochloren; an exact
account of the pedigree and succession of the
family of Lochloren now Earls of Morton
106:47

Extract of deaths, marriages, and births from the
Aberdeen Journal, from 1747 to 1800, and from
1803 to 1806
106:49

The Riddell Papers.
Notebooks and MSS of John Riddell, Advocate
(1785-1862) and his brother.
Donated 1893 by the daughter and niece.
Cellar 7

Ker, Lord Jedburgh/Kerrs of Firniehurst
File of notes and corrected transcripts regarding
the origins and history of the Ker/Kerr family of
Firniehurst.
c.1930-1960
MSS New 26

Maxwelliana, or notices of some branches of the
family of Maxwell
1828
MSS New 9

Blackcastle MSS (transcript)
Christie

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VIII. Charters; and lists of Charters and other documents

An alphabetical index to the Register of Charters under the Great Seal, to the year 1760, preserved in General Register House at Edinburgh

8 volumes

+941 c38

Copies of Charters from the beginning of the Reign of Robert I to the year 1541, with an index to the same to 1569

8 volumes

+941 c38

Catalogue of MSS relating to Scotland in the Cottonian Collection

106:66

Abstract from the Public Records etc. concerning the Stewartry and Principality of Scotland, the Duchy of Cornwall, the Principality of Wales, the Duchy of Normandy, and the Dauphine of France.

c.1750

73:d:6 or L65

Cartulary Kinnettles

(Kinnettles is a castle and estate near Forfar)

L73

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Inventory of charters belonging to John Erskine of
Alva relating to Cambuskenneth in Stirlingshire
Later hand has written on the back "Miss Cathie
Gilchrist Sunside Dalkeith"

1723

Laing 2

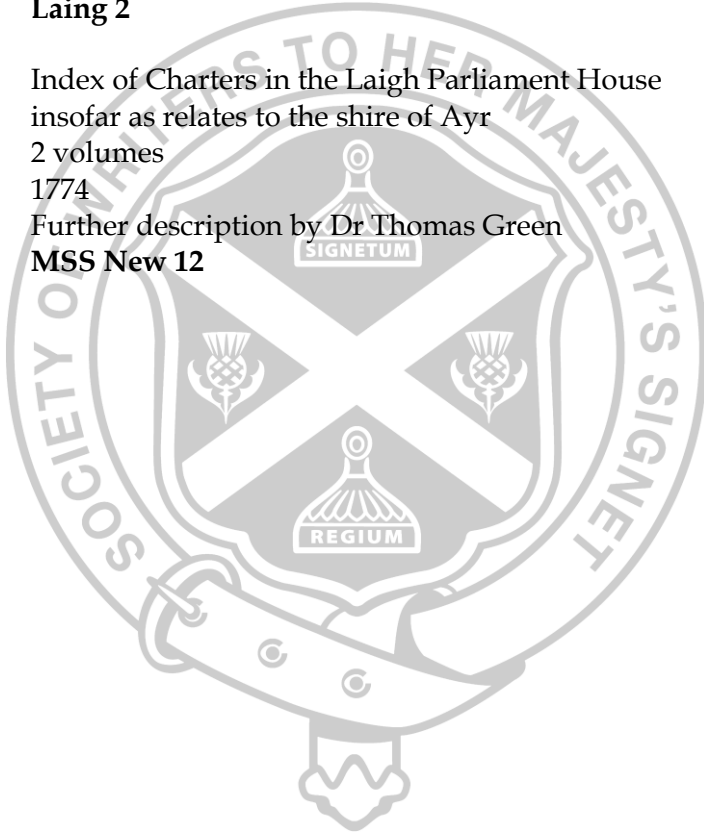
Index of Charters in the Laigh Parliament House
insofar as relates to the shire of Ayr

2 volumes

1774

Further description by Dr Thomas Green

MSS New 12



The WS Society

IX. Miscellaneous MSS

Tables of the Prices of Midlothian Fiars (and East Lothian, Clackmannanshire).

1640-1712

+941.4 T11

Valuation Book or Tax Roll for the County of Lanark

1757

+941.43 V24

Physicae generalis Enchiridion, in usum studiosae juventutis in collegio region Aberdonensi

1687

104:c:21

Selected fragments. The pleasure of leisure hours

104:c:22

Compendium... Cursusque logicus in Magistro Roberto Forresio vivo literatissimo et ame Robert Mortimero sub ferula

1657

104:c:26

Compendium logicum a magistro Jacobo Wemio dictatum, necnon a me Thoma Graem conscriptum, 6 Dec. 1669

Stamped binding "T.G."

1669

104:c:27

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Ane accompt of debursements given out by John Keirie for the Earle of Marr

1682-1687

104:c:36

List of Lord Lyndoch's Plate... In Stratton Street, March 1833

Lists of plate, table linen, bed linen, china, glass.

Also recipes and lists of attendees at

"Anniversary of Barosa" held in Stratton Street, 1836, 1837, 1838

104:c:39

History 9: Spain

106:15 and **104:24**

Manure by Thomas Bayley (Thomas Butterworth Bayley)

Agricultural pamphlet with brief MS notes

c.1795

106:31

Metaphysics - letters by Charles Fotheringham, taken down by Thomas Graem

1720

106:33

Treatise on the provincial dialect of Scotland, being an attempt to assist persons of that country in discovering and correcting the defects of their pronunciation.

106:41

The WS Society

On the provincial accentuation of particular words: an analysis of the English heroic measure by Sylvester Douglas, Lord Glenbervie

106:41a

Library catalogue, ownership and provenance scrawled out but possibly "Alex. Lindsay"

c.1800

106: 40

The Description of Britain (De Situ Britanniae) Literary forgery by Charles Bertram (1723-1765) in name of English monk Richard of Westminster

106:50

Discourse delivered by the Earl of Buchan at the first anniversary meeting of the Antiquarian Society of Perth, Monday 13th of June 1785 (on the antiquity of man)

Fletcher Collection, from the library of R. Macfie

106:55

Instructions by Henry VIII to his ambassadors in Scotland

Instructions to Ralph Sadler, 1539 and 1543.

Eighteenth century copy, with bookplate of Sir John Anstruther, bart. "D. Laing" in pencil on flyleaf (David Laing, Signet Librarian 1837-1879)

106:56

Extract valuation of the Presbytery of Argyll

1629

106:67

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Volume of material pertaining to Mary, Queen of Scots

- 1 A communication of discourse of the Queen Elizabeth's marriage, reported by Sir Thomas Smith Knt., to his neighbour Frauncis Wyatt, gentleman, X. April 1567
- 2 Instrument of Association for the preservation of Her Maies moste roiall person
- 3 Articles of a confirmation of a more sure friendship between Queen Elizabeth and James VI. July 1586
- 4 Correspondence of the Queen of Scots and Anthony Babington
- 5 The trial of the Queen at Fotheringay, Oct 12 1586
- 6 A brief discourse of the Q. Maties most royal favours and justice exercised towards the person of Mary Queen of Scots
- 7 The execution of the most unfortunate Mary, etc., 8th Feb 1585

106:70

Hamilton Claims

Claims by individuals, including Writers to the Signet, to be freeholders of the County of Lanark in respect of the right to vote in general elections c.1829

106:78

The WS Society

Characters of the Courtiers of Great Britain

Ex Libris Robert Macfie

106:c:38

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Cellar 7

History of the present family (Durie) of
Craigluscar.

Charles Durie

1768, with memorandum of 1819

Presented by W. W. Learmonth WS

L54

Notes on lectures on medical jurisprudence and
forensic medicine

Sir Henry Littlejohn

1900

L61

Sedition Trials in Scotland

P. Malcolm

L83 Archive Box 17

Gregorian chant and early musical notation

Binding scraps – related pair

Probably the oldest example of written music in
Scotland

c.1020s

Laing 1

The WS Society

An impartial and genuine list of the Ladys on the Whig or Jacobite partie taken in hand merely to show that the common acusation and slander rashly thrown on the female sex as to their being all Jacobites is false and groundless as upon a calculation the whigs are far superior in number and not inferior either in rank beauty or solidity Documents in multiple hands, probably female, listing the women of Edinburgh c.1745-1746 with accompanying commentary on family, character, appearance, religion and political views.

Laing 1

Military commission granted by James VII and II to Captain-Lieutenant James Maitland, appointing him captain of his company in the Scots Guards, 9 August 1688
1688

Laing 1

Inventory of property of David Blair
Inventory of possessions including named and valued slaves
1814

Laing 1

Document in Dutch, undescribed
c.18th century

Dr Thomas Green Loose Paper D Laing 1

Unidentified sixteenth century MS scrap

Laing 2

The WS Society

Two MS lists of flora and fauna, mainly relating to Scottish islands, compiled by James Robertson in 1767-1771, as a result of his travels in connection with his work for the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates.

Once in the possession of David Laing, but likely to be part of the Sir Arthur Mitchell bequest, the bulk of which is currently on deposit at the National Records of Scotland.

MSS New 1

Sederunt book of the Edinburgh Western Cemetery Company (Dean Cemetery)

1845-1853

MSS New 14

Three commonplace books from what appears to have been a much larger collection, in the hand of an unknown antiquary.

Numbered 49, L1 and 131

MSS New 15, MSS New 16, MSS New 16a

“Kassasul Dunia” (sic) or the cosmography of the world

From the library of Colonel Dow, with his autograph.

Dow was the master of John MacDonald, author of “Memoirs of an eighteenth-century Footman” in which book he appears.

MSS New 17

The WS Society

Burgess ticket issued by the magistrates and town council of Dunfermline to Robert Mudie esq. of Balmule

1824

Donated by W.W. Learmonth WS. Numbered as MS 55, but this not reflected in any known Signet Library catalogue or list.

MSS New 2

Accounts of the founding of the University of St Andrews extracted from the works of John of Fordun, Hector Boethius and George Buchanan.
c.18th century

MSS New 24

Catalogue of the Library at Newhailes Vol.1
1813 or later.

NLS holds Vol.2 as a typescript

MSS New 25

Prime Minister H. H. Asquith:

- 1 Asquith's handwritten notes for House of Commons speech on 11th August 1911 in reply to Mr. Balfour on the Creation of Peers;
- 2 Notes made by the Prime Minister for his speech on the Constitutional Crisis July 24th 1911 (speech shouted down and never given)

Gift of Hon. Arthur C. Murray, 21st December
1944

MSS New 27

The WS Society

Customs Officers Payment Register, British North American territories

Shows payment either to or from named customs officers at ports in British North American territories in the years between the Declaration of Independence and the departure of the British authorities from the United States.

1776-1783

MSS New 28

Ledger of John Junior, merchant, Perth 1813-1819

MSS New 3

Ane declaratioun of the iust and necessar causis, moving us of the nobillitie of Scotland & vthers ye Kings Maiesteis faithful subiectis to repair to his Hienes presence, and to remane with him for resisting of the present daingeris appearing to Goddis trew religion and professours thair of & to his Hienes awin person estait & croun & his faithful subiectis that hes constantly continuitt in his obedience, &c to seik redres & reformatioun of the abuse and confusioun of the commoun wealth remouing fro[m] his Maiestie the cheif authoris thair of quhil the treuth of the famin may be made manifest to his Hienes estaits that with common consent redres & remeid may be prouidid.

John Colville

Edinburgh 1582

N.B. not actually a MS

Small MS

The WS Society

Charles Steuart's Book. Begun February 1st 1777.
(Pages removed, then continues in pencil with
brief history of Portobello Female School in
unknown hand)
MSS New 34

